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SUBJECT: REACTION TO STATEMENT BY US MISSION SPOKESMAN

1. OF APRTICULAR INTEREST, POSSIBLY, TO EA WAS THE REACTION OF FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER AND PRESENT SENATE PRESIDENT LAM TO STATEMENT ISSUED BY EMBASSY SPOKESMAN 21 OCTOBER. HE SAID IT HAD DONE A GREAT DEAL OF GOOD AND THAT HE WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT THE COMMUNIST TRANSGRESSIONS HAD BEEN CATALOGUED SO THOROUGHLY. THEY ARE OFTEN FORGOTTEN, AND IT IS NECESSARY TO KEEP THEM ALIVE IN THE MINDS OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND IN THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE REST OF THE WORLD. OTHERWISE THE CONSTANT OUTPOURING OF DRV/"PRG" ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE RVN AND THE USG AND THEIR DEMANDS FOR A "STRICT IMPLEMENTATION" OF THE PARIS ACCORDS TENDED TO VALIDATE THIS "DOUBLE-SPEAK" AS PART OF THE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM. LAM SAID HE WAS VERY HAPPY TO SEE THAT THE RUMORS THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO MENTION SINS OF THE OTHER SIDE WERE OBVIOUSLY FALSE. HE ATTRIBUTED THIS TO THE AGGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP HIS OLD FRIEND, SECRETARY HABIB, HAD BROUGHT TO THE EAST ASIAN BUREAU.

2. WE AGREED THAT HABIB'S APPOINTMENT SHOULD HERALD A MUCH MORE AGGRESSIVE AND DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE. MARTIN

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